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For : APPARATUS AND ASSOCIATED METHOD FOR  
LIMITING ACCESS OF INFORMATION TRANSFERRED  
BETWEEN AN ELECTRONIC SECURITY DEVICE AND A  
HOST DEVICE

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
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Sir:

In the US national phase application of PCT/US00/17441 filed  
herewith, please enter the following amendments:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows:

On Page 1, line 5, please insert the following paragraph:

--This application claims the benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 365 of  
International Application PCT/US00//17441, filed June 26, 2000, which was  
published in accordance with PCT Article 21(2) on January 25, 2001 in English; and  
which claims benefit of U.S. provisional application serial no. 60/143,844 filed July  
15, 1999.--

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims (which are the annexes of the International  
Preliminary Examination Report) as follows. A marked-up version is attached  
herewith.

1. (AMENDED) An apparatus sensing unauthorized use of an electronic security  
device, the apparatus comprising a host device with a housing having an opening